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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS

FOR S/S-EX

REF: STATE 216242

FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO ADMIN/LOGISTICS
QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL.

1. PASSES: EMBASSY PLANS TO ISSUE SPECIAL ID
CARDS TO CONTROL ACCESS TO AIRCRAFT AND SECRETARY'S
AREA.

2. DRIVING TIME BETWEEN POINTS:

- (1) EMBASSY- 20 MINUTES
- (2) POLANA HOTEL 20 MINUTES
- (3) PRESIDENTIAL PALACE-20 MINUTES
- (4) GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE-15 MINUTES

D. FROM EMBASSY TO:

- (1) GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUS-15 MINUTES
- (2) POLANA HOTEL- 15 MINUTES
- (3) PRESIDENTIAL PALACE-10 MINUTES PLUS SECURITY DELAY

C. FROM PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TO:

- (1) POLANA HOTEL- 7 MINUTES

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(2) GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE-10 MINUTES

D. DELAYS: SHORT RUSH HOURS OCCUR ON SOME STREETS DURING WEEKDAYS FROM APPROX 0730 TO 0800, AND FROM 1700 TO 1730. ON SATURDAY, RUSH HOUR OCCURS FROM 1200-1230 ON STREETS LEADING OUT FROM DOWNTOWN AREA. RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC IS NOT SIGNIFICANT, ESPECIALLY AROUND AREAS OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE, AND POLANA HOTEL. ONE OTHER POSSIBLE CONGESTION POINT WILL BE AREA AROUND INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR SITE, BUT THIS WILL ONLY AFFECT TRAFFIC TO OR FROM EMBASSY, AND SHOULD NOT RESULT IN ANYTHING MORE THAN DECREASED SPEED IN IMMEDIATE AREA.

E. LOCAL CONDITIONS: THERE ARE NO LOCAL HOLIDAYS DURING DATES FORESEEN FOR VISIT. LOCAL INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IS IN PROGRESS AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12. BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS IN TOWN, HOTEL SPACE IS HEAVILY BOOKED, ESPECIALLY IN HOTEL WHERE WE PLAN TO BOOK TDYERS. POLANA HOTEL IS ALSO HEAVILY BOOKED.

4. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS: NORMAL WEATHER THIS TIME OF YEAR CALLS FOR LIGHT TO MEDIUM WEIGHT SUITS FOR MEN, NORMAL SPRING WEAR FOR WOMEN. IN CASE OF SUDDEN COLD SNAP, WIND BREAKER OR SEATER MAY BE WELCOME. RAINCOATS AND UMBRELLAS MAY BE NEEDED. FORMAL WEAR IS NEVER USED.

5. LOCAL ELECTRICITY IS 220 VOLT 50 CYCLE. HOTELS HAVE 110 V OUTLETS FOR SHAVERS.

6. FILLING SPARE TIME OF UNOCCUPIED PARTY MEMBERS WILL BE A PROBLEM. STORES CLOSE AT 1200 SATURDAY AND REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. LOCAL OPEN-AIR MARKET CLOSED FROM 1200 TO 1500 SATURDAY AFTERNOON. WEATHER PERMITTING, BEACH AND EXCELLENT GOLF COURSE AVAILABLE, BUT TRANSPORTATION WILL BE A PROBLEM. POLANA HOTEL HAS SWIMMING POOL AND TENNIS COURT. INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR WILL BE OPEN AND OFFER SOME SELECTION OF MOZAMBICAN HAND-
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